



February 14, 2013

Senators Harp and Kane  
Representatives Walker and Miner  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 2700, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106


Dear Senator Harp, Senator Kane, Representative Walker and Representative Miner,

We are writing to you today in support of maintaining the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) as an independent entity dedicated to identifying issues affecting women in our state and providing public policy research to enhance our Representatives' votes.

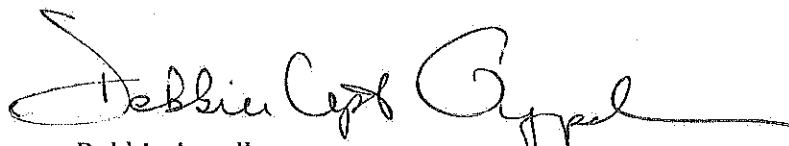
One of the tenets of the Junior League of Greenwich's mission, as well as, all Junior Leagues globally is to develop the potential of women. Therefore, we consider the PCSW to be a unique asset for our state, and one that consistently illuminates the complexity and breadth of the issues women face in Connecticut. The work performed by the PCSW is a valuable tool utilized by the Junior League of Greenwich when delivering on our mission, as well as, for the State of Connecticut in addressing a majority of its population's unique needs.

The work of the PCSW goes well beyond the typically considered "women's" issues. We feel it would be shortsighted and a detriment to our state to change its status; thus, it is our sincere hope you will reconsider the proposed changes to the PCSW in the budget.

Sincerely,



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